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SUBJECT: GWENDA MAE LOKEN LOPEZ

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
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1. GWENDA MAE LOKEN LOPEZ CALLED ON HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINATOR DERIAN ON APRIL 12 MAKING PLEA FOR DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE ON BEHALF OF HER HUSBAND, HORACIO GUILLERMO LOPEZ, WHO REMAINS UNDER DETENTION AT CORONDA JAIL IN SAN LORENZO. MRS. LOPEZ ACKNOWLEDGED EMBASSY EFFORTS ON HER BEHALF BUT ASKED THAT MORE BE DONE TO SECURE HUSBAND'S RELEASE. ACCORDING TO MRS. LOPEZ, HUSBAND WAS JAILED SIMPLY BECAUSE HE CAME TO LOOK AFTER WIFE (GWENDA) WHO HAD BEEN JAILED.

2. MS. DERIAN EXPRESSED HER SYMPATHY FOR THIS CASE, SUGGESTING THAT MS. LOPEZ MIGHT ALSO SEEK HELP OF ICRC AND NUNCIO.

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3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RAISE CASE OF MRS. LOPEZ' HUSBAND AGAIN WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AT NEXT OPPORTUNITY. DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO RAISE MATTER WITH ARGENTINE EMBASSY.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP ON THE CONDITIONS OF MR. LOPEZ' IMPRISONMENT.

MRS. LOPEZ HAS APPARENTLY HAD DIFFICULTIES IN COMMUNICATING WITH LOPEZ FAMILY IN ARGENTINA AND IS ANXIOUS FOR NEWS.  
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